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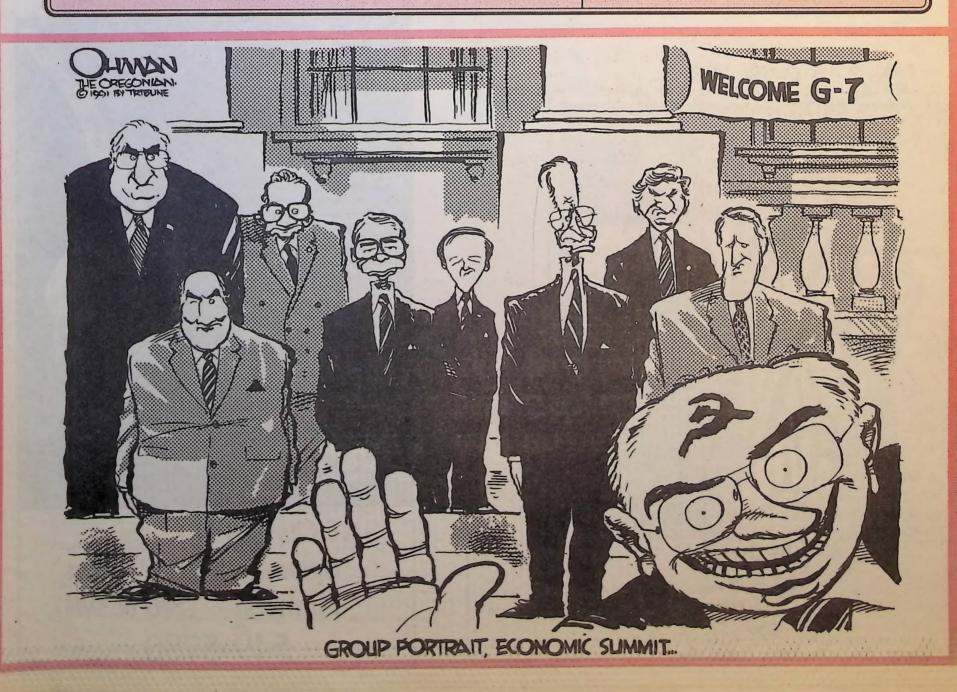
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PRESIDENT BILL BY WILLIAM L. BROWN

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y wife, Mary, ** would have none of that demeaning "first lady" nonsense; she served as my chief of staff. But, from the beginning of my administration, a small, disaffected element in the media criticized her, questioning her credentials for the job. We debunked their claims, showing that she was one of the top-rated science teachers in her school, and citing studies showing that the experience of motherhood was easily the equivalent of a Ph.D. But her critics continued to harp about everything from her travel expenses to her friends. 女 青 青

run errands! How else am I supposed to do all my work and get soo guests. Selephants, loo carrot cakes, tents, fireworks, and Ralfi onto the south lawn for Randy's kirthday?

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what about these
long lunches?"

look, Monmy, Randy
has spots!

strove to be an **
example of progressive
fatherhood to the nation,
giving my family priority
over my work. When the
children contracted chickenpox and had to be sent
home from the Vice President/Day Care Provider's
Preschool Program for

the children of my administration members, I gladly took over my share of the parenting, even though I had pressing presidential affairs. Actually, I was glad for the chance to slow down a bit and spend time with the whole family. I rather liked the notion of working in the Oval Office while my children played at my feet.



"President Bill" appears in *President Bill, a Graphic Epic*, a book published by Andrews and McMeel. This book is now available at Faces, Food For Thought Books, and the Beyond Words bookstore. Get caught up on the story. It's worth it.

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ell, it's been a few weeks. Since we last talked I had my little summer fling with acting at the Mount Holyoke College Summer Theatre as Sherlock Holmes, and if you ever need to lose a few pounds, try acting in a tent when the temperature is 175°. Be sure to wear three layers of wool clothing while

you're at it. But on the whole it was a rather enjoyable experience, and I would like to thank the folks at MHCST for making me feel so welcome. There were a few interesting moments out there, prop guns that wouldn't fire, and our Mrs. Hudson was taken to the hospital mid-performance with a gall bladder attack (she's all right, thanks for asking), and the heat made one tend to forget what planet they were on, but the audiences there are loyal, and any miscues were taken with all the grace and good humor one can expect.

So what has happened to the world since last we met? Thurgood! You Bastard! I understand you want to go fishing, and your body is falling apart, but look whom you left us with! Clarence! Now I am sure he's nice guy and all, has a dog and is kind to his mother etc., but anyone who has some sort of moral epiphany the first time he smokes a joint seems to be one to make rash decisions based on a drug induced state. I mean, who hasn't felt some qualms when they first try marijuana? "Was that a knock at the door?" we asked ourselves in the heyday of boo, but we soon recognized that to be a fairly normal haze of paranoia. I would trust Clarence more if he said he was a real pothead in college, and then came to realize what a bad thing it was and how it was funding the Underworld and killing his brothers, yadda yadda yadda. But once? Give me a break!

Another thing about Clarence is that the worst kind of bore in the world is some yutz who says "I made in on my own. Anybody can." Sure Clarence, anyone with an above average intelligence, a kind and loving family and Thurgood Marshall to pave the way for you. You have a responsibility to those who went before you, and to those who come after. Maybe, just maybe Clarence, you are a fluke. You beat some mighty big odds, and now you want to screw it up for everybody else.

What else? Michael Landon died, as did Jean Arthur (I had a major crush on her after Mr. Smith Goes to Washington), Lee Remick (ditto after seeing A Face in the Crowd), and Bert Convey (I did not have a crush on him, but I do think it's a shame that for a talented Broadway actor, he will most be remembered by a game show that had Burt Reynolds drawing little dogs on a big piece of paper).

The Pretorian government has been caught funding the Inkatha Freedom Party (Big surprise!), there's been a solar eclipse, and Terminator 2 came out. A kinder, gentler Terminator. "I won't kill you, I'll just shoot you in the kneecap and cripple you for life". (Big laughs on that one).

And the Red Sox.

So the world wags on, we grow older, and I shaved my mustache. Who said the world isn't interesting? Phil Kilbourne

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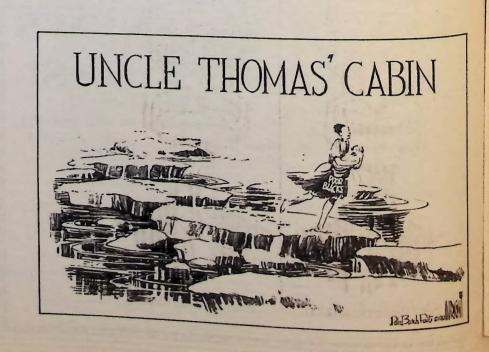








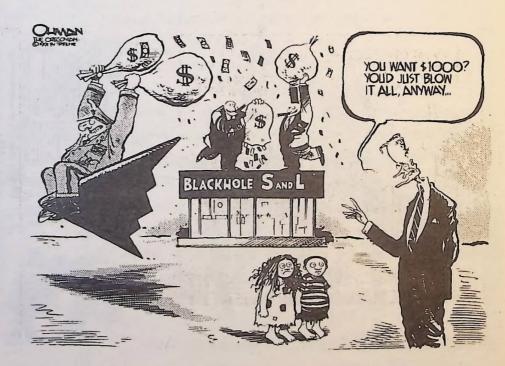












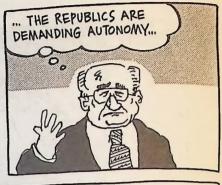












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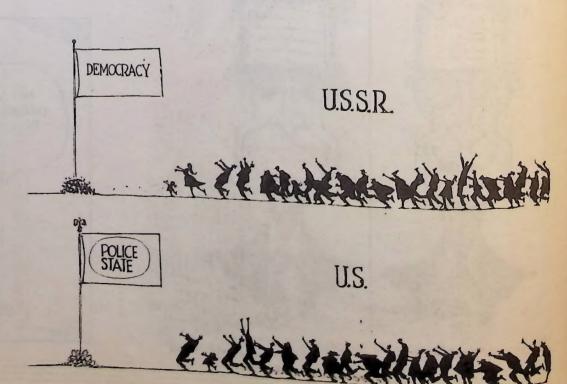


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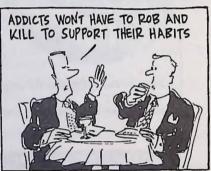














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WILLIAM CASEY'S REMAINS EXHUMED TO TEST FOR OF 1980 OCTOBER SURPRISE

Humor Me by Izzy Gesell

Recently released brain research indicates that although men and women process information in a similar manner, the interpretation of that information differs greatly from gender to gender. This seems to be another case of common knowledge being repackaged under the guise of scientific breakthrough. We all know that men and women have different criteria in assessing aspects of life. A woman once told me that I had the one thing every woman wanted in a man. "What's that?" I asked. "The ability to make passionate, sensitive, creative love and not fall asleep immediately when I'm done?" "No," she chuckled. "Well, is it the fact that I'm the only male who actually LIKES to go food shopping and uses coupons?" "No, dear," she said as her eyes rolled toward the goddess. "It's the fact that you put the toilet seat down when you leave the bathroom." Guys, it is a truism that you could be Charlie Manson's NASTY brother and by putting the toilet seat down when you leave the bathroom not only will you find a woman who loves you but she'll brag about you to her friends.

Many women think men purposely leave the seat up to piss them off. That's not true. New scientific studies prove it's genetic. That's right. We lack the ability to put the seat down. In it's place men can do something that women cannot: go through all 36 channels on the remote control in less than 30 seconds and describe exactly what each show is about. Watch a man and woman sitting together in front of a TV. Odds are he's got the remote control and is zooming around the dial faster than time-lapse photography in a Disney nature film. She's going,"WAIT! WAIT! WAIT! I WANT TO SEE THAT! I WANT TO SEE THAT! I WANT TO SEE THAT!" "No, you don't," he says. "Besides, I just want to see the score."

When the woman finally does get control of the remote she clicks and pauses. She chooses what to watch based on actually seeing something and making some kind of rational decision related to whether what she sees is what she wants. This may take a few seconds. In those few seconds the guy next to her starts to twitch. His hand begins to shake and he lunges toward the remote. "GIVE ME THAT! YOUR TIME'S UP! YOU'RE TOO SLOW! I NEED IT NOW." These are early signs of RCA (remote control addiction). There are treatment centers located in rural areas without cable TV but they are very expensive and are usually only for the rich and powerful.

Now that's the bad news. The good news is that it is now possible to remedy the male inability to put the toilet seat down. Hook it up to a remote control.

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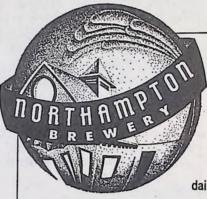
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JOE BOB BRIGGS

I'm feeling especially manly today. I just got back from one of those Wild Man Weekends where you go out in the woods with twenty other guys and put bandanas on your head and beat tom-toms together to prove you're not a wimp.

It was great, I sweated a lot, I cried. I sweated while I was crying. Of course, I was crying because they made me sweat so much. We had this one part of the weekend where we went in a giant sauna and turned it up to about, oh, 280, until everybody's skin turned the color of strawberry Jello and the veins in our foreheads started exploding, and it turned into this communal out-of-body male thing, where everybody was screaming "I want out of my body!" Unfortunately Saul Steinman didn't make it through that part of the weekend. Saul was a fine insurance adjustor from Milwaukee who got a brain hemorrhage and died. We'll miss him. But what was great about that is that we got to have the ancient deadwarrior ritual where we piled stones on top of Saul's body and set him on fire, and then we started really feeling like men.

Do yall know what I'm talking about? You've heard about this? It's the Masculine Movement, where we get back in touch with our caveman selves. It's so powerful You really can't understand it unless you've been there, but when I got finished with the Wild Man Weekend, I didn't wanna bathe for at least two years. And normally I would wanna bathe once every two weeks. It changes you that much.

As explained by our Wild Man Weekend instructor, Norm Moseby, the process involves five phases: Sweating, Yelling, Crying, Drum-Beating, and Ripping Your Shirt Off Even If It's Expensive.

You may wonder why we do this stuff. It's because the modern American male has lost touch with his primitive self. They used to have a ceremony called Separating From The Mother. (Of course, they still do. It's called the "Get a job!" ceremony.) But now most guys, according to Norm, never separate from their mothers. They think all women are their mothers, and so they expect all their girlfriends to take care of their emotional needs.

Once I understood this, I called up my mother to tell her I was separating from her.

"That's nice," she said. "I'm glad you have a hobby."

The other ceremony they used to have is called Initiation Into the Company of Men. Of course, we still have this one, too. It's called "beer." In primitive times they would ram crooked sticks through your breast, like in "A Man Called Horse," and then beat you with a Lincoln Log or something until you felt like a man. But Norm says the modern American man never does this, and so he spends his whole life feeling uncomfortable around other men, and never talking to them about anything except football.

I hope you're following this.

That's why we start off with the lobster-sauna Sweating Ceremony. Then we move on to the Yelling Like Banshees Ceremony. Then we sit in a circle, and whoever has the stick gets to talk, and he's supposed to say stuff from "A Chorus Line," like "I was always afraid I was a homosexual, and my father kicked my Tonka dumptruck when I was seven and I never got over it," until he starts bawling like a baby in front of everybody else.

Next comes Beating The Manly Tom-Tom. In order to get in touch with our real wild-man self, we whale away on these drums and slamdance against trees until we lose control and become the drum — or something like that. I didn't quite understand what the point was, because I lost control and started giving noogies to Fred Bushman, a Xerox mar-

keting analyst from Tampa, Florida. Sometimes guys get so carried away they start screaming out personal stuff, from the deepest part of the primitive brain lobe, like "She divorced me because I never could stand her sister!"

And, finally, we get to the Ceremony of the Ripping Shirt, where we cavort around like apes in the jungle, exposing our manly flesh to the elements, revealing our manliness to other men, becoming the true warrior-king-lovergods that we always were but Brenda Weatherby in tenth grade would never believe it. Then we make a conga line and dance out into the woods and plunge into the river and splash around like alligator gar on cocaine until we feel manly enough to take off all our clothes and rip the guts out of a wild hog.

I felt so much better after this. I went back to Grapevine, Texas, where I live, and I told my girlfriend Wanda Bodine everything I'd been through, and she said, "That sounds great. Did they teach you how to wear the same color sock on both feet?"

You ever feel like women don't understand just how manly we are?

It bugs me.

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Trees in Autumn turn red and Landfill experts report the gold all over the high side of the Northern Hemisphere. But not all over the low side of the more sludge perton, typically, Southern Hemisphere. Only in than does the making of virgin one small area below the equator, a part of South America, do colors flame up in the southern Fall.

If typical, not even a fifth of you, by weight, is bone.

Mammals truly faithful to their mates are exceedingly rare. That's what scientists now say. Birds, too, surprisingly. Recent DNA tests prove three out of every 10 eggs in birds' nest are not the offspring of the chirping male mates thereabouts. Fidelity is a banking term.

It has been proven that an octopus has to look at its arms to know what they're doing.

No doubt Robin Williams could do something with this: The female wall spider dies before heryoung get out of the cocoon. Their first big meal after they emerge is what's left of her.

Sixty-five percent of the credit card holders are paying off average balances of \$1,600.

Q. Where's "The Celery City"? A. Kalamazoo, Mich. So nicknamed years back.

Pink and white roses came from Europe, red and yellow roses from Asia.

manufacture of recycled paper generates eight times paper.

You idealize the strange. Norman Rockwell's art came to symbolize small-town America. But he grew up New York City.

If you worked for the original Henry Ford in 1913 and owned any car other than a Ford, you were fired.

The renowned Confucius, called the most learned man of his time, was mostly selfeducated.

It's in the United States where only 5 percent of the earth's population lives on 1.5 percent of its land-and-water surface.

North American caribou and northern European reindeer are exactly the same animals. With different names. Fossils prove the caribou came first. Went west across the land bridge to become reindeer. Not vice versa.

A seventh of your brain is cholesterol.

That sage Joyce Jillson said: There are times not to flirt. When you're sick. When you're with child. When you're on the witness stand."

and "yang"? A. Universal influences. Yin-"female, night, lunar." Yang-"male, daylight, solar." The words are Mandarin. In a discriminatory age long ago, yin and yang were enunciated as negative and positive, passive and active, darkly cold and brightly hot, always in contrast, always complimentary.

Item 2265A in our Love and War man's fact file: "The rhinoceros mates for a half hour once every other year."

Newborns stay in hospitals 2.8 days average now. Was closer to 4.5 days in the 1960s and '70s.

Am told the maximum grade allowed on interstate highways is three-eighths of an inch over 12 feet.

All I know about Gideon J. Tucker is it was he who in 1866 said: "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

Pollsters just found out 33 percent of the registered dieticians eat at least once a week in fastfood restaurants.

Q. What's"Texas caviar"? A. Black-eyed peas. Not armadillo testicles as some Texans rejoice in announcing at their culture centers.

Q. What are the Chinese "yin" The kingdom of Bhutan between India and Tibet also issues postage stamps. One has Donald Duck on it.

> Sunlight aggravates herpes. Sunlight relieves psoriasis. Doctors say that.

According to the musicologists, in that trio of Peter, Paul and Mary, Peter is really Peter, Mary is really Mary, but Paul is really Noel. Or was.

Of himsef and men generally, that wit Larry Miller said, "To women, we are like big dogs that talk."

If any of your wall sockets are warm to the touch, call an electrician.

It has been noted that Elvis impersonators don't look so much like Elvis as one another.

Q. Can't you protect yourself from the sun's ultraviolet rays by sitting under an umbrella? A. Not really. Those rays scatter. So say the experts.

Aristotle thought he was a member of the supreme race: Greek.

In Japan, any person arrested, convicted and jailed, then later found innocent, is reimbursed money on a precise schedule keyed to time in prison.

It was an axiom of the '80s that clarified the difference between "involvement" and "commitment." It went: "Think of ham and eggs. The chicken was involved. The pig was committed."

Report is the Gulf of Maine Aquarium recently got \$48,000 to check out endangered turtles. A gift of Kevin Eastman, 28. He's the fellow who dreamed up the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Nicotine can trigger migraine headaches, according to the medicos.

Model for the original Dutch Boy paint was an Irish youngster.

In one out of five U.S. murders, the killer was once in love with the killed, or vice versa. So report the crime statisticians. That's the most common kind of homicide in December.

Angora goats produce mohair. Angora rabbits produce angora.

Most southerners speak at least two dialects, one for family and friends, another for formal occasions. They make the switch subconsciously. So says a language expert.

Albert Einstein as a youngster was into jigsaw puzzles. deeply.

United States Postal Service records indicate one makeand model of its fleet vehicles was more trouble free than any other -the 1975 Ford Pinto.

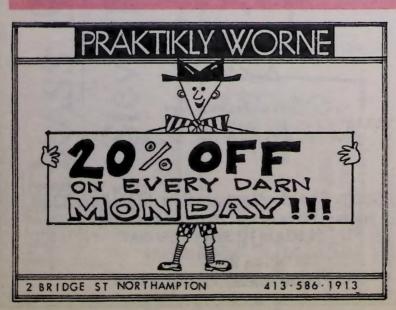
Q. Do elephants weepingriet? A. Such is now the claim of experts.

Something curious happens to nearsighted people when they swim underwater without goggles. Their vision becomes momentarily normalor even farsighted. Depends on how deep they dive and how long they stay down. So says an eye specialist.

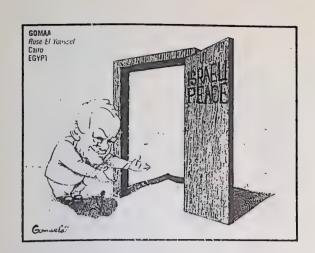
Among former major league baseball players, infielders live longer than outfielders. And outfielders live longer than catchers. Statistically. In this longevity matter, nothing noteworthy turns up about pitchers. Their lifespans tend to be pretty much average.

A frozen ant covered with ice crystals is not necessarily a dead ant. Many spend the winter in that condition, then shake it off in the Spring.

If you want to set a world record, try beating this one: The Chihuahua whiptail lizard flicks out its tongue more than 700 times an hour.







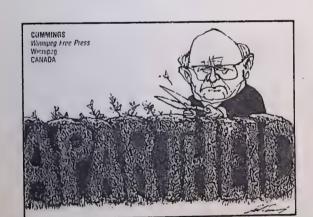


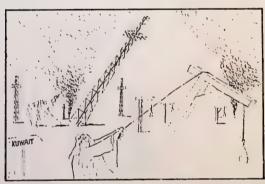














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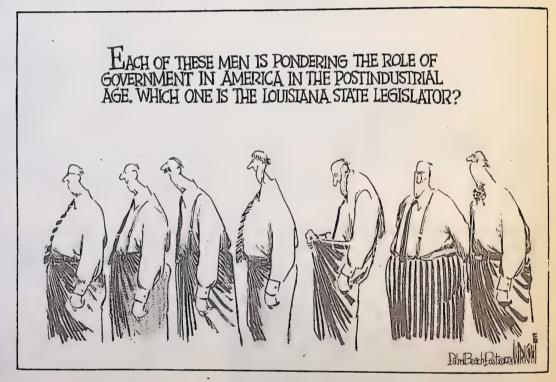


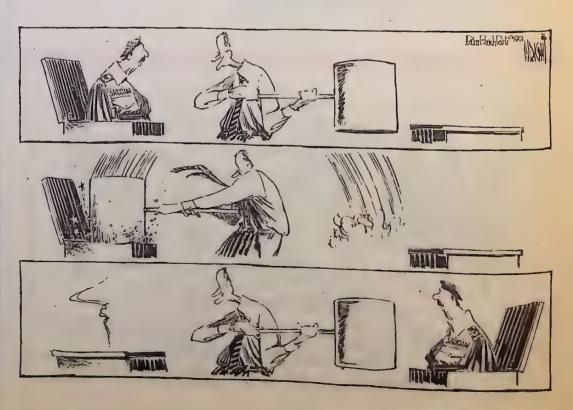
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Dozens of people were killed as heavy rains dislodged tons of debris from the volcanic slopes of Mt. Pinatubo, northwest of Manila. The Philippines announced that it may have to replenish the well-like open the order. plenish the wildlife of the forests around the mountain once the eruptions stop, because fleeing animals were all eaten by local residents. Environment Secretary Fulgencio Factoran said that all trees and plants within a six-mile radius of Pinatubo were destroyed, and that the popu lation of deer, boar, insects, lizards, and snakes native to the area may have been entirely wiped out. Torrential rains unleashed a land-

slide of volcanic mud, rock, and ash from Japan's Mt. Unzen that cut a five-mile swath through three towns. Tremors around Kartala Volcano

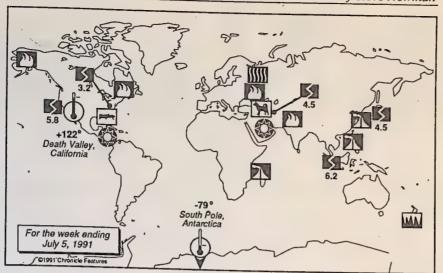
near the Comoros capital of Moroni sparked fears that the mountain might erupt. It would be the first time since 1977, when 20,000 were left homeless on the Indian Ocean island as lava destroyed villages.

Earthquakes

Residents in the San Gabriel foothill communities northeast of Los Angeles cleaned up rubble and debris left by a strong temblor that rattled much of Southern California on June 28. At least one person was killed by the earthquake that caused an estimated \$12 million in damage. Quakes were also felt in Tokyo, northwestern Iran, Sumatra, and West Virginia.



Agricultural officials in Florida are poised to attack the next generation of grasshoppers whose parents have caused the state's worst infestation caused the state's worst infestation in 40 years. Found swarming around Dade City last month, a species of American grasshopper has swept across thousands of acres around 'fampa Bay, leaving dozens of citrus groves stripped of their leaves. In-



secticides have been effective only against young hoppers, and plans are now underway to attack those set to hatch next month

Ash and Sun

A spreading cloud of gas and ash from Mt. Pinatubo Volcano is expected to create spectacular multicolored suprises and sunsets in several areas of the Northern Hemisphere. The cloud stretches from Hawaii to the Medistretches from Hawaii to the Mediterranean and is moving eastward at 750 to 1,000 miles each day. Observers as far north as parts of Texas and Florida, and southern Europe, should be able to see the natural display at dusk and dawn while the cloud is overhead.

A huge soot cloud thought to be caused by burning oil wells in Kuwait covered the sky over Bahrain and eastern Saudi Arabia, obscuring the sun and dropping the normally scorching temperatures by about 14

Wildfires

A heat wave and thou sands of lightning strikes in Alaska sparked forest fires in the state's dry interior, including one that burned to within a mile of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline. More than 1,000 firelighters fought the

blazes near several small towns.
Thousands of people fled their
homes in Quebec province as strong winds pushed two huge forest fires dangerously close to towns and vil-lages on the north shore of the St.

Lawrence River.
Forest fires were also raging out of control in Russia's southeastern Ukraine, and in Pakistani-controlled

Moscow Heat



A summer heat wave brought the Soviet capital its hottest June 29 in more than a century. Electric fans were unavailable at state s'ores, which had only heaters in stock.

Kiwi Cold

NewZealand experienced the coldest June in 15 years. The extreme winter cold is likely to continue, according to the country's meteorological service. The chill has been caused by a low pressure area near the Chatham Islands that forced south-southwest antarctic winds over both the north and south islands

Wild Dogs

Stray dogs turned loose in the Azerbaijan's capital by owners who can't feed them are roaming the city in wild packs. An acute food shortage and a drop in living standards is forcing an increasing number of people in Baku to abandon their dogs, according to a report from the Assa-Irada Azerbaijan news apency. baijan news agency.

dditional Sources: U. S. Climate Analysis enter, U. S. Earthquake Information Center nd the World Meteorological Organization.

By Steve Newman

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Solar Eclipse

A seven-minute eclipse was seen by more than 220 million people in a broad band from Hawaii to Brazil. In some Latin American countries natives beat drums to urge the sun to return, and village healers in Nicaragua urged pregnant women to re-main indoors because the eclipse could cause birth defects. A Peruvian scientist suggested that people keep their pets indoors because the unexpected darkness could confuse dogs and cats and they might sud-

Fierce Floods

More than 3 million people, including 500,000 members of the People's Liberation Army, are fighting floods that have ravaged eastern China and left more than 22 million acres of land under water. Engineers blew up at least eight earthen dams to divert floodwaters along the Yangtze and Yellow River. Other dams throughout eastern China collapsed during heavy rains. heavy rains

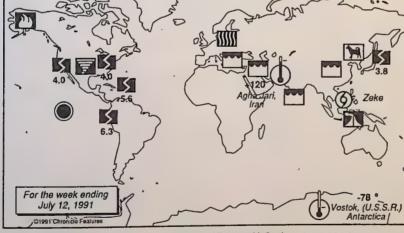
Rising waters from the Caspian Sea forced the evacuation of 50,000 people from the Azerbaijani city of Astara. Teheran radio said flooding also destroyed several other coasta

odwaters in Turkey have isolated at least 40 villages near the Black Sea. The Turkish news agency Anatolia said at least 20 people have

The Press Trust of India reported that 99 people were killed this week when monsoon rains swept the south Indian state of Kerala.

Volcanic Aftermath

Thousands of Philippine villagers began sitting the volcanic ash from Mount afterglitteringcrystals were the rush was set off when om Manila arrived in the



area to buy the stones, triggering rumors that the crystals were dia-monds. Agovernment geologist said the stones were quartz crystals formed by hardening magma within

European Heat Wave

Temperatures in excess of 93 degrees Fahreneit sent 93 degrees Fahreneit sent thousands of people to lakes and rivers in Wroclaw in southeast Poland. Dozens of people, most of them children, died in drowning accidents as they attempted to lind relief from the heat. In Denmark, 13 elderly people died when temperatures soared into the upper 80s. About 140 scouts attending a festival on the Jutland Peninsula collapsed during the heat wave.

Alaska Fires

More than 120 wildfires have swept through a half million acres of central Alaska. Crews built firelines to pro-

tect the towns of Takonta, McGrath, and Minchumina. Officials fear the fires may endanger moose, brown bear, black bear, and several caribou herds which inhabit the area.

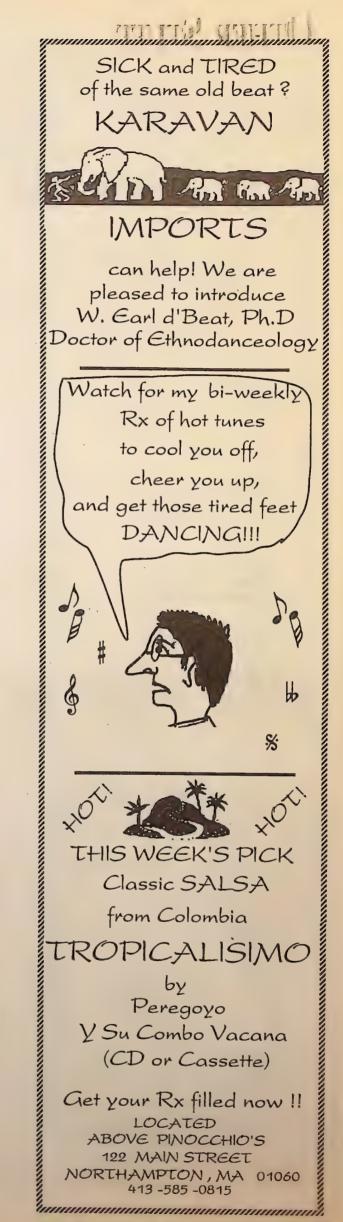
A series of violent storms rolled across the mid-southern United States southern United States and left at least 10 people dead, intense thunderstorms swept through Pennsylvania and lowa uprooting trees and downing power lines. Several people were killed by lightning, including one man who was struck in Texas as he visited the grave of his son.

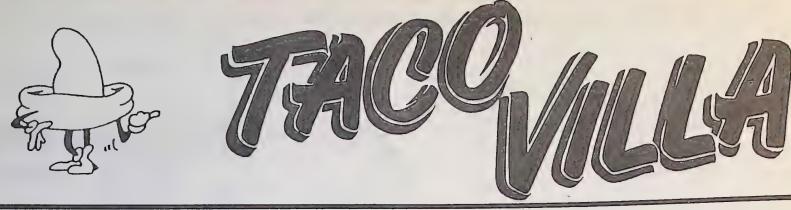
Earthquakes

An earthquake of 6.3 mag-nitude on the Richter scale damaged some structures damaged some structures in Cuzco, Peru, but caused no deaths. Other earth movements were felt in Japan, Puerto Rico, Missouri, and Southern California.

Dog Mother

Terrified pet owners in Beijing are taking their animals to a shelter run by animals to a shelter run by an eldery Beijing woman to escape official dog-beating squads. The woman, knownonly as "Dog Mother," moves the shelter from location to location because armed policebreak into homes and beat the pets to death to stop the spread of cholera. Police stop pet owners on the streets, place their dogs in sacks and then bludgeon them to death. A woman who calls herself Xio Zhang said four policemen broke into her house and "two of the policemen pinned me Two of the policemen pinned me down while the other lashed out at my dog with Iron bars." She said the police left when she promised to have her dog destroyed, Instead, she took her miniature poodle to "Dog Mother."





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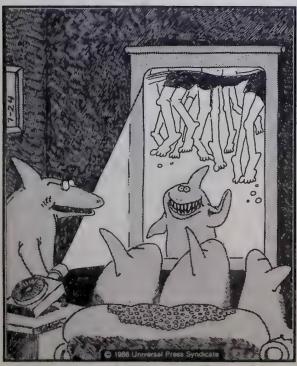
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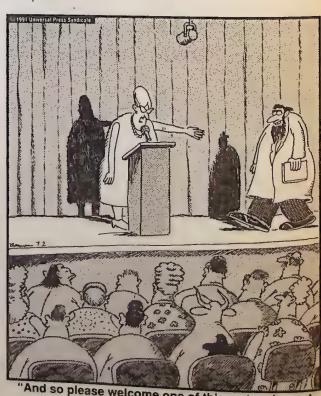


And here we are last summer off the coast of ... Helen, is this Hawaii or Florida?"



"You're a long way from Big Poodle, stranger. ... This here is Dead Skunk, and if I were you I'd just keep on movin'."

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And so please welcome one of this cartoon's most esteemed scientist-like characters, Prof. Boris Needleman, here to present his paper, 'Beyond the Border: Analysis, Statistical Probability and Speculation of the Existence of Other Cartoons on the Known Comics Page."



The Kongs at home



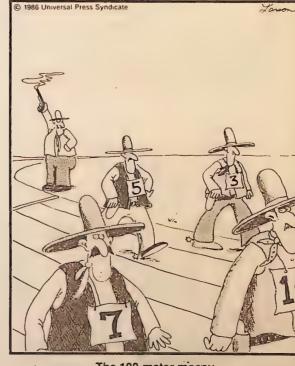
The Blob family at home



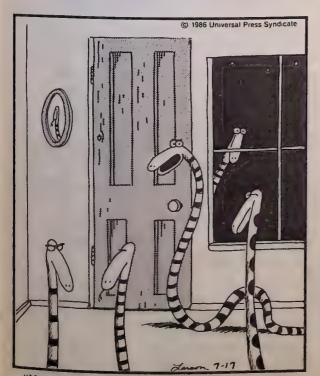
"Hey! Not this new stuff. ... Me want Jurassic Coke."



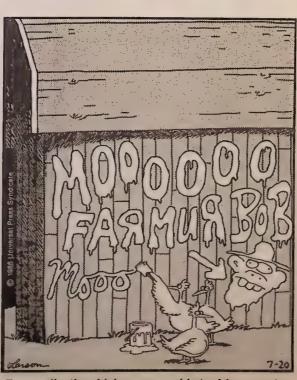




The 100-meter mosey



"Hey, Bob wants in — does anyone know how to work this thing?"



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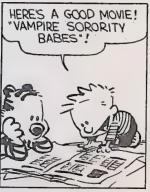
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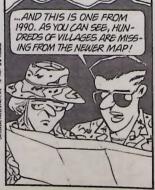
























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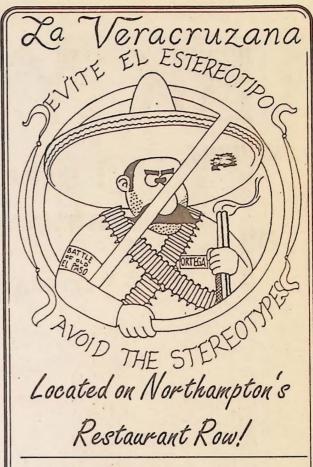












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